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**Status**

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2a) This action is FINAL.                    2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) Claim(s) 1-34 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 1-18 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) 19-34 is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.  
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a) All    b) Some \* c) None of:
    1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
    2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
    3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)	4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____
2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)	5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08) Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____	6) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>Reasons For Allowance</u> .

*Election*

Applicant's election of the species corresponding to Figures 7 through 9B, i.e. nozzle of Figure 8 with tip of Figure 9, is acknowledged. Applicant has listed claims 19-30 as readable on the elected species, and an action on the merits of these claims is set forth below.

*Allowable Subject Matter*

Pursuant to a complete action on the merits, elected claims 19-30 have been allowed. Claims 31-34 have also been allowed because they depend from allowed subgeneric claim 19. Non-elected claims 1-18, however, are withdrawn from consideration, and this application will be allowed upon cancellation of those claims.

*Reasons For Allowance*

The present invention is a premix secondary fuel nozzle for a gas turbine combustor. As recited in claim 19, the nozzle comprises an elongated tube, a coaxial central core, three passages, a plurality of air flow channels, first and second injectors, and a tip plate having cooling holes. Nozzles comprising a tube and core along with

multiple passages and plural injectors are known in the art as shown, for example, by the cited Kraft et al '439 Patent (PTO-1449). Other similar nozzles comprise tip plates with cooling holes as shown, for example, by the cited Stuttaford et al Patents (PTO-892). None of the references of record however show or fairly suggest the specific combination of features comprising a tube, core, passages, channels, injectors, and tip plate structure arranged and interconnected in the manner specified by claim 19. The claimed invention is therefore considered patentable over the prior art.

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